

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final Office Action of January 25, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-7 and 10 have been amended. Claims 15-18 have been added. Claims 2-8 and 10-18 remain pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, and without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicants have re-presented formerly dependent claim 9 into independent form as new claim 15. In addition, Applicants have amended the dependency of claim 10 to depend on claim 15.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-8 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over “Adobe Acrobat 3.0 Reader Online Guide,” 9/1996, Adobe Systems, Inc., pages 1-110 (hereinafter referred to as *Adobe*) in view of “Joke eBook”, 7/1998, PrimaSoft PC, Inc., Electronic Book Series version 1.0, pages 1-5 (hereinafter referred to as *Joke eBook*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicants have amended independent claims 3-5 to include similar features as recited in Applicants’ objected to claim 9. In addition, new claims 16-18, which depend from claims 3-5 respectively, include similar features as recited in Applicants’ objected to claim 10. Claims 2, 6-7, and 10 have been amended to depend from new allowable claim 15.

As claim 15 is deemed allowable over the art of record, independent claims 3-5 are allowable for similar reasons. Applicants’ claims 2, 6-8, and 10-14, which ultimately depend from claims 15 and 4, are allowable over the art of record for at least the same reasons as their base claim and further in view of the novel features recited therein.

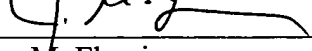
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the features of canceled claim 1 in addition to other features.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. If any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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